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RE: Support for Recommendation for Steering Committee to Consider Input from Stakeholder Process Related to Concept of Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Public Health Agency

Dear Board Deputies:

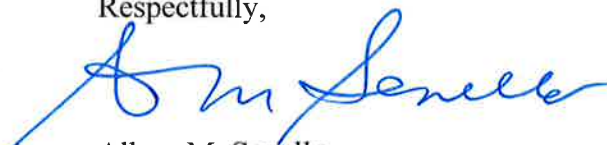
On behalf of the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc. (CAADPE), Los Angeles County Chapter, I am writing to urge your support for the development of a steering committee that allows for stakeholder input related to the concept of an integrated health, mental health, and public health agency.

As CAADPE indicated in our letters dated January 9 and January 16, 2015, *any* movement potentially affecting the delivery of healthcare services to Los Angeles County residents necessitates a formal process that invites the public and stakeholders alike to provide their input. The creation of a steering committee as described in the January 27th memorandum by the Association of Community Human Service Agencies (ACHSA) would certainly ensure that adequate representation is safeguarded.

Specifically, ACHSA through its discussions with the DMH System Leadership Team recommends support of a steering committee that provides equal representation to the three involved departments - health, mental health, and public health. Further, the steering committee would include the three department leaders, the Commission representatives as identified by the Supervisors, and one client, family, and provider representative from each of the affected constituencies.

CAADPE strongly supports the recommendation for a steering committee and sincerely appreciates your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at asenella@tarzanatc.org or by phone at (818)654-3815 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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